## Household Composition: Overview of Measures Used in ASPE Welfare Outcomes Grantee Surveys with Welfare Leavers

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Table 1: Household & Family Composition - Adults & Children (At time of interview)

|   | Washington D.C. | Arizona         | Washington      | Cuyahoga/L.A.   | Florida | Illinois       | Missouri       | San Mateo       | Wisconsin | Georgia         | Massachusetts | South Carolina | Total |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|-------|
| Number of people in household   |                 |                 |                 | Х               | X       | X <sup>2</sup> | X³             | X <sup>4</sup>  | Х         |                 |               |                | 6     |
| Number of people in household 18 years or older   | Х               | X⁵              | X <sub>e</sub>  | Х               |         |                |                | Х               |           | Х               | Х             | Х              | 8     |
| Spouse or partner or parents of respondent's child(ren) in household  | Х               | Х               | X               | Х               |         |                | X <sup>7</sup> |                 | X         | X <sup>8</sup>  | X             | Х              | 9     |
| Number of children in household under 18 years of age   | X <sup>9</sup>  | X <sup>10</sup> | X <sup>11</sup> | Х               | X       |                |                | X <sup>12</sup> |           | X <sup>13</sup> | X             |                | 8     |
| Number of children respondent has   |                 |                 |                 | X <sup>14</sup> |         |                |                |                 |           | Х               |               |                | 3     |
| Number of school-aged children who live in home   |                 | Х               |                 | Х               |         | Х              |                |                 |           |                 |               | Х              | 4     |
| Number of children in<br>household who belong to<br>spouse/partner and number of<br>other children not respondent's<br>spouse/partner |                 |                 |                 | Х               |         |                |                |                 |           |                 |               |                | 1     |
| Do you have children under the age of 6 who live with you   |                 |                 |                 | Х               |         | Х              |                |                 |           |                 |               |                | 2     |
| Total Items   | 3               | 4               | 4               | 8               | 2       | 3              | 2              | 3               | 2         | 4               | 3             | 3              |       |

**Table 2: Household & Family Member Characteristics** 

|  | Washington D.C. | Arizona | Washington      | Cuyahoga/L.A. | Florida | Illinois | Missouri | San Mateo | Wisconsin       | Georgia | Massachusetts | South Carolina | Total |
|--|-----------------|---------|-----------------|---------------|---------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------------|---------|---------------|----------------|-------|
| Relationship of adult household members to respondent          | Х               |         |                 |               |         |          | Х        | Х         | Х               |         | Х             |                | 5     |
| Age of adult household members                                 | Х               |         |                 |               |         |          | Х        | Х         | Х               |         |               |                | 4     |
| Gender of adult household members                              | Х               |         |                 |               |         |          |          |           | Х               |         |               |                | 2     |
| Marital status of adult household members                      |                 |         |                 |               |         |          |          |           | X <sup>15</sup> |         |               |                | 1     |
| Child(ren) age and/or birth date (or age of youngest child)    | Х               |         | X <sup>16</sup> | Х             |         | Х        | Х        | Х         | Х               | Х       |               |                | 8     |
| Gender of child(ren)   |                 |         |                 | Х             |         |          |          |           | Х               |         |               |                | 2     |
| Relationship of respondent to the child(ren) or youngest child |                 |         | Х               | Х             |         |          | Х        | Х         | Х               | Х       |               |                | 6     |
| Total Items  | 4               | 0       | 2               | 3             | 0       | 1        | 4        | 4         | 7               | 2       | 1             | 0              |       |

Table 3: Changes in Household & Family Composition

|  | Washington D.C. | Arizona | Washington      | Cuyahoga/L.A. | Florida         | Illinois        | Missouri | San Mateo | Wisconsin | Georgia         | Massachusetts | South Carolina | Total |
|--|-----------------|---------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|-------|
| Respondent marital and/or personal status at time of TANF/welfare exit                           |                 | Х       |                 |               |                 | Х               |          |           |           |                 |               |                | 2     |
| Respondent current marital and/or personal status  |                 | Х       | Х               | Х             |                 | X <sup>17</sup> | Х        |           |           | Х               | Х             |                | 7     |
| Started living with a partner and/or spouse since TANF/welfare exit                              | х               |         | Х               | Х             |                 |                 |          |           |           |                 |               |                | 3     |
| Got married since TANF/welfare exit  | Х               |         | Х               | Х             |                 |                 | Х        |           |           |                 |               |                | 4     |
| Separated or divorced from, or widowed by, spouse or spouse-like partner since TANF/welfare exit | х               |         | Х               | Х             |                 |                 | Х        |           |           |                 |               |                | 4     |
| Moved in with another household or family since TANF/welfare exit                                | Х               |         | Х               | Х             | Х               |                 |          |           |           |                 |               |                | 4     |
| Took in family or friends since TANF/welfare exit  | Х               |         |                 | Х             | Х               |                 |          |           |           |                 |               |                | 3     |
| Took in boarders or roommates to help pay expenses since TANF/welfare exit                       | х               |         |                 | Х             |                 |                 |          |           |           |                 |               |                | 2     |
| Child(ren) under 18 living outside your household  | Х               |         | X <sup>18</sup> | Х             | X <sup>19</sup> | Х               |          |           |           | X <sup>20</sup> | Х             |                | 7     |
| Child(ren) living with other parent  |                 |         | Х               |               |                 |                 |          |           |           | Х               |               |                | 2     |
| Child(ren)under age 18 return<br>home after living somewhere<br>else                             | Х               |         | Х               | Х             |                 |                 |          |           |           |                 |               |                | 3     |
| Currently expecting a baby   |                 |         | Х               |               |                 | Х               |          |           |           |                 |               |                | 2     |
| Birth of a child since<br>TANF/welfare exit  |                 |         | Х               |               | Х               | Х               |          |           |           |                 |               |                | 3     |
| Has teen in household become pregnant  |                 |         |                 |               | Х               |                 |          |           |           |                 |               |                | 1     |

|  | Washington D.C. | Arizona | Washington | Cuyahoga/L.A. | Florida | Illinois | Missouri | San Mateo | Wisconsin | Georgia | Massachusetts | South Carolina | Total |
|--|-----------------|---------|------------|---------------|---------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|---------|---------------|----------------|-------|
| Has teen in household had child(ren)   |                 |         |            |               | Х       |          |          |           |           |         |               |                | 1     |
| Within last 6 months has there been a change in your family structure (e.g. marriage, divorce, family member addition, or someone moved out) |                 |         | Х          |               |         |          |          |           |           |         |               |                | 1     |
| How does the number of persons in the household compare to the number living with you when left AFDC/TANF                                    |                 |         |            |               | X       |          | X        |           |           |         |               |                | 2     |
| Is there anyone the respondent lives with now who did not live in household when left AFDC/TANF  |                 |         |            |               |         |          |          |           |           |         |               | Х              | 1     |
| Is there anyone the respondent lived with when they left AFDC/TANF who does not currently live in household                                  |                 |         |            |               |         |          |          |           |           |         |               | X              | 1     |
| Total Items  | 8               | 2       | 11         | 9             | 7       | 5        | 4        | 0         | 0         | 3       | 2             | 2              |       |

- 1.Defined as individuals who "usually live with you"
- 2.Illinois: Household defined as people currently living in their home or apartment
- 3. Missouri: Defines people living in household in terms of "individuals who lived or stayed with you in your home at least half time during the previous month." These individuals do not necessarily have to be related to the respondent. This definition holds true for adults over the age of 18 and children who are identified as being in the household.
- 4.San Mateo: Defines as individuals who "usually live in your household" and includes" babies, small children, and anyone who is temporarily away, such as someone in school, traveling, in the hospital, in a correctional facility or other institution."
- 5. Arizona: Defined as individuals "19 or older"
- 6. Washington: Defines adults in household as "number of people in immediate family that are of working age (between 16 and 65)" and who "live under same roof, share money or food, and have a familial relationship, including spouse-like partner."
- 7.Missouri: Defined in terms of an individual who "lived with you at least half time during the prior month"

- 8. Georgia: "living together as a couple with a boyfriend or partner"
- 9. Washington D.C.: Defines children in household as "biological, adoptive, step, or foster children currently living in household." Also includes any other child whose day-to-day case the respondent is primarily responsible for (i.e., buys the food they eat, makes sure they are adequately supervised, makes sure they go to school, etc.).
- 10. Arizona: Defined as "18 or younger"
- 11. Washington: defines number of children under 18 as those for whom the respondent is "financially responsible and who live in the household"
- 12.San Mateo: Defines persons under 18 as "babies or other children who are living or staying" in the household
- 13. Georgia: Children living in the household regardless of relationship to respondent
- 14. Cuyahoga Cty/L.A.: Defined as children "of your own living in the household." This includes foster or adopted children. Also includes grandchildren living with the respondent.
- 15. Wisconsin: Household members' marital status for individuals 16 years or older
- 16. Washington: Ages of respondent's children only
- 17.Illinois: Also includes the question "Is the spouse/partner the same individual who lived with respondent when left TANF/welfare?"
- 18.Washington: Included specific questions on whether child had left to live with grandparent or other relative and whether child had left to live in foster care
- 19.Florida: Phrased as "Has a child moved out of your household?"
- 20.Georgia: Included specific questions on whether a child was living with friends; whether a child was living in foster care; whether a child was living in a group home, behavioral, or correctional facility; and whether a child was living independently